



# 10-301/10-601 Introduction to Machine Learning

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# Course Overview

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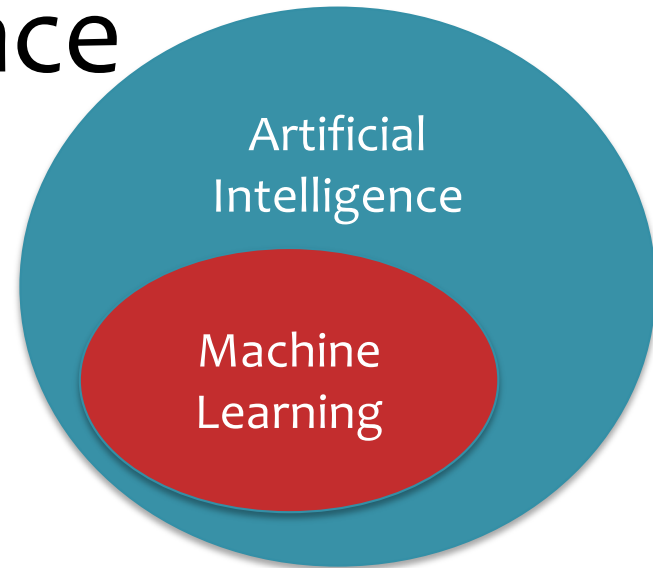
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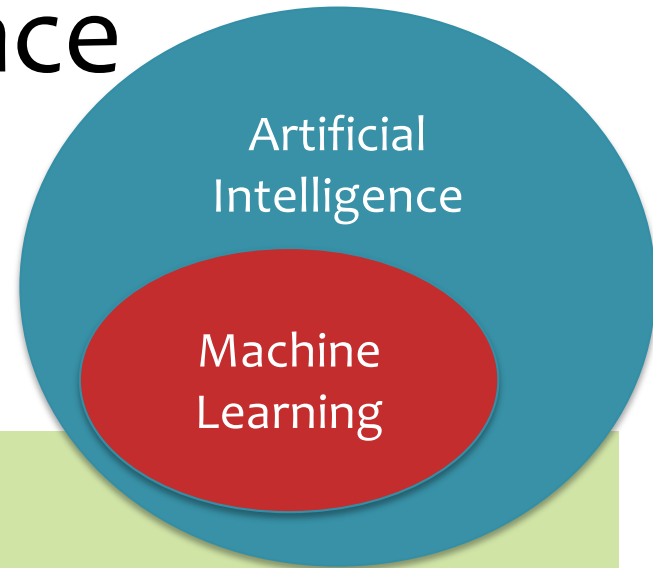


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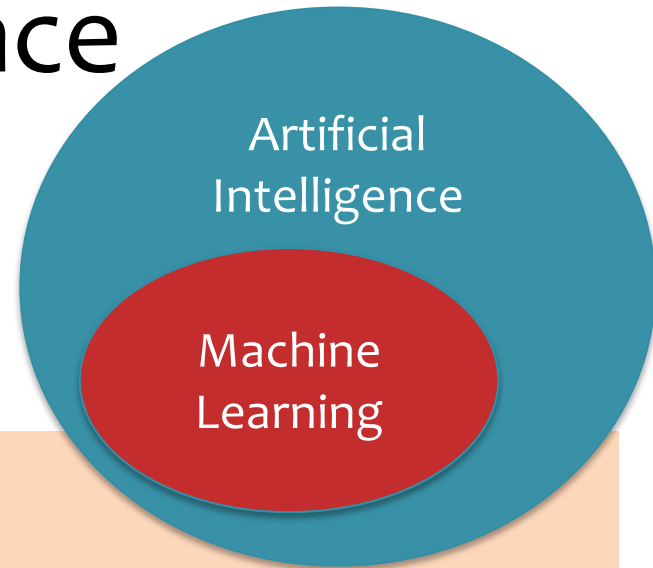


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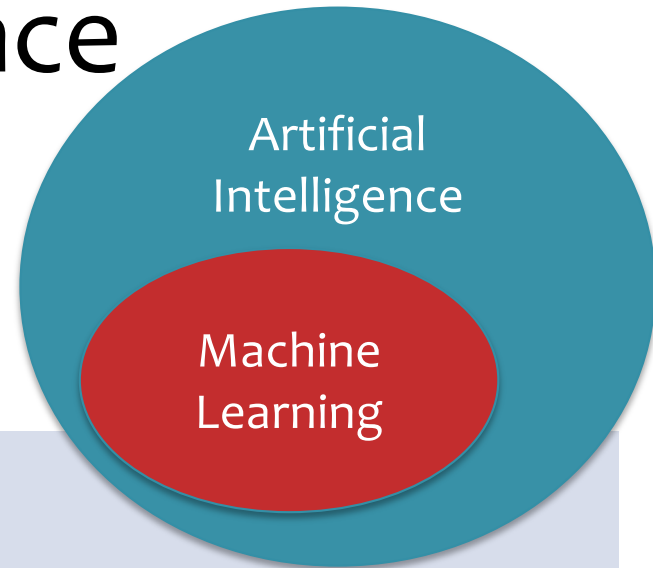


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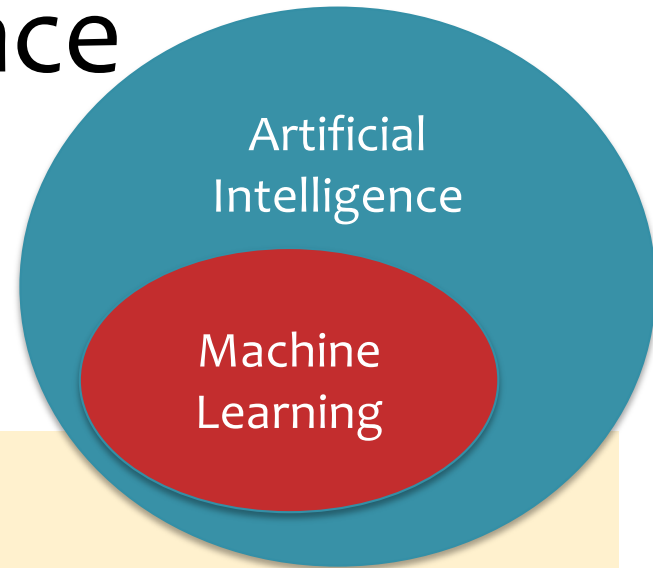


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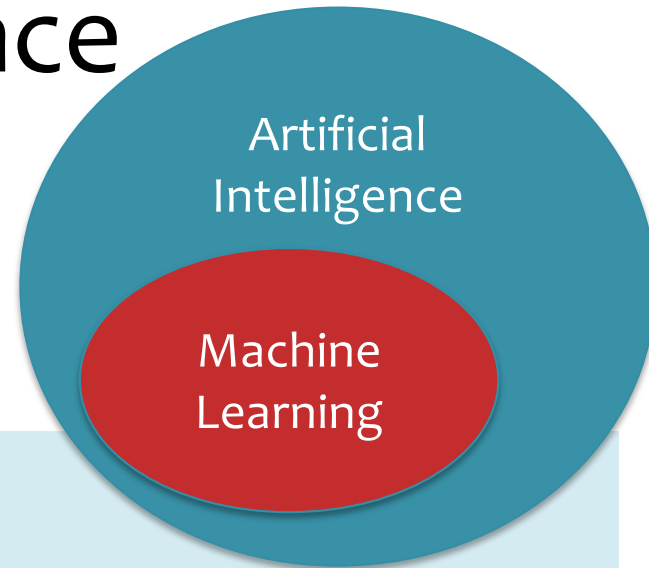


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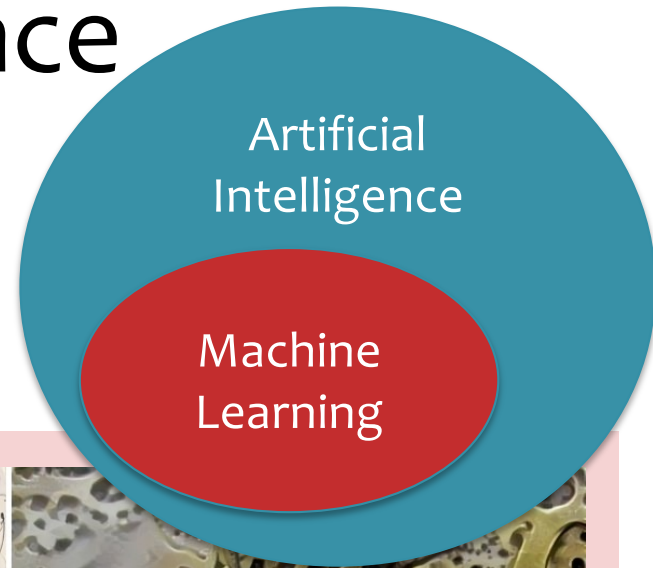


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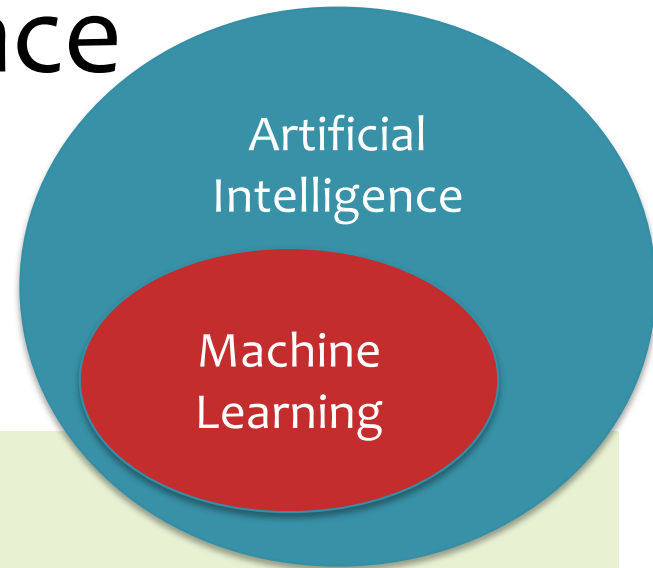


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Machine Learning

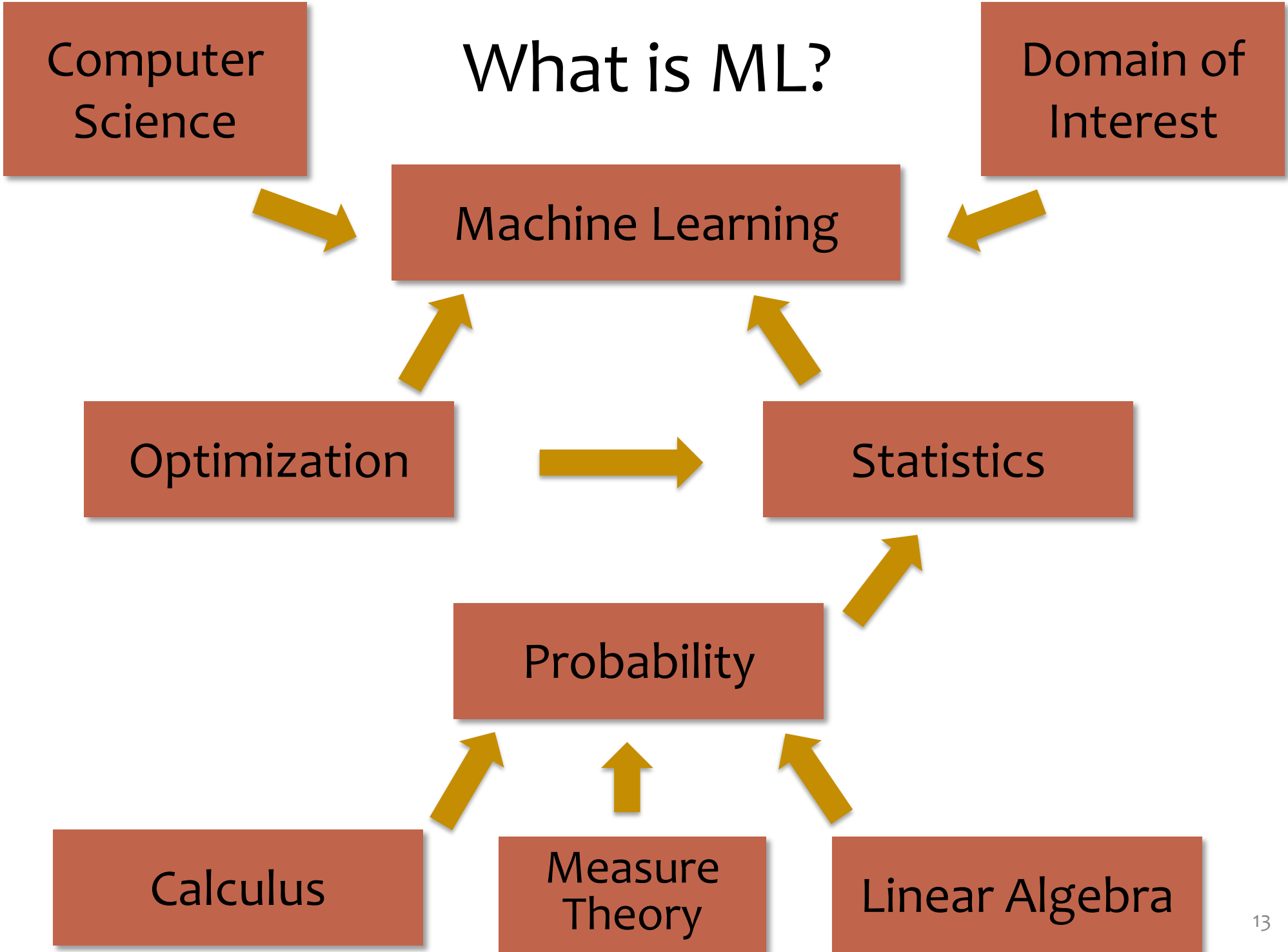
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Probability

Computer Science

Optimization







# Speech Recognition

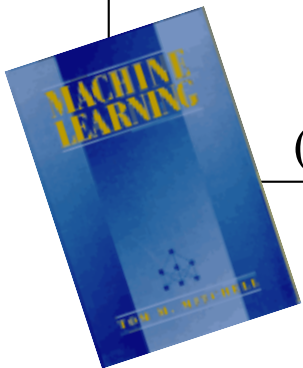
## 1. Learning to recognize spoken words

THEN

“...the SPHINX system (e.g. Lee 1989) learns speaker-specific strategies for recognizing the primitive sounds (phonemes) and words from the observed speech signal...neural network methods...hidden Markov models...”

(Mitchell, 1997)

NOW



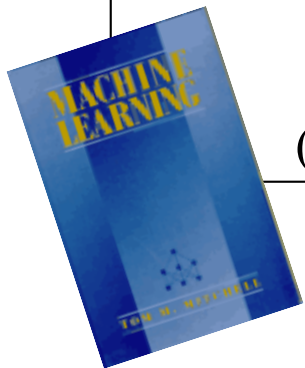
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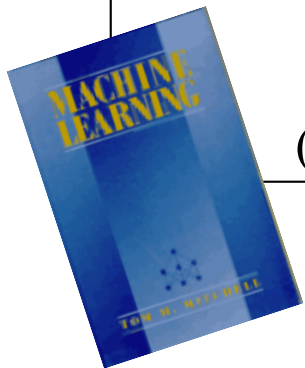
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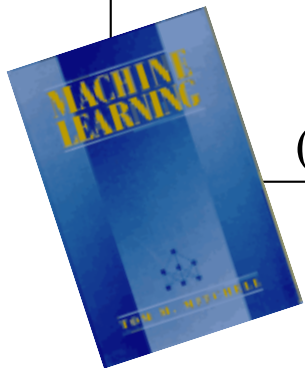
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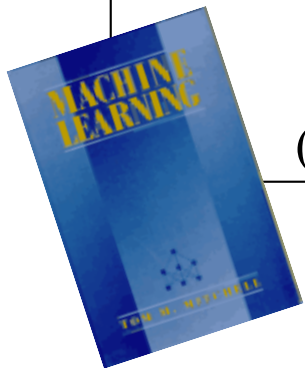
# Games / Reasoning

## 3. Learning to beat the masters at board games

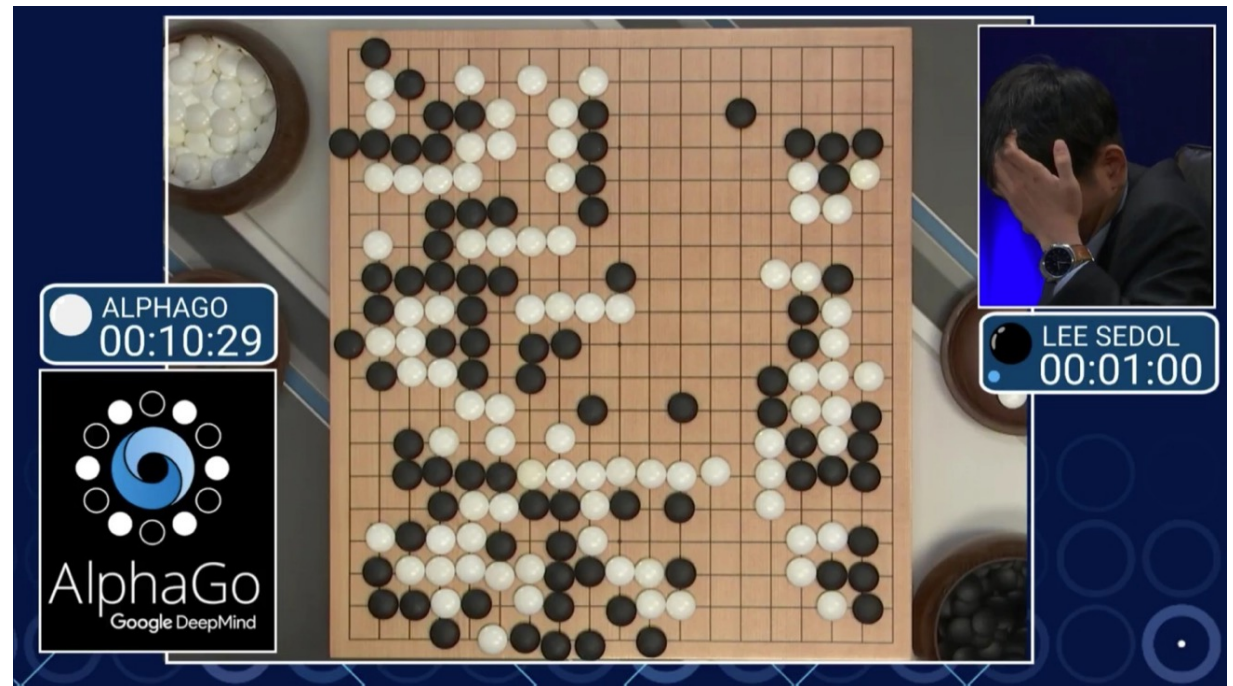
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“...the world’s top computer program for backgammon, TD-GAMMON (Tesauro, 1992, 1995), learned its strategy by playing over one million practice games against itself...”

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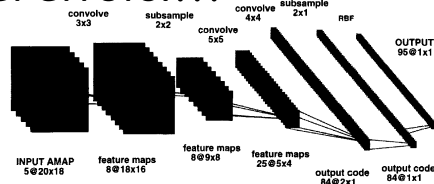


# Computer Vision

## 4. Learning to recognize images

THEN

“...The recognizer is a convolution network that can be spatially replicated. From the network output, a hidden Markov model produces word scores. The entire system is globally trained to minimize word-level errors....”



(LeCun et al., 1995)

NOW



# Learning Theory

## • 5. In what cases and how well can we learn?

### Sample Complexity Results

**Definition 0.1.** The **sample complexity** of a learning algorithm is the number of examples required to achieve arbitrarily small error (with respect to the optimal hypothesis) with high probability (i.e. close to 1).

Four Cases we care about...

	Realizable	Agnostic
Finite $ \mathcal{H} $	$N \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} [\log( \mathcal{H} ) + \log(\frac{1}{\delta})]$ labeled examples are sufficient so that with probability $(1 - \delta)$ all $h \in \mathcal{H}$ with $R(h) \geq \epsilon$ have $\hat{R}(h) > 0$ .	$N \geq \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} [\log( \mathcal{H} ) + \log(\frac{2}{\delta})]$ labeled examples are sufficient so that with probability $(1 - \delta)$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$ we have that $ R(h) - \hat{R}(h)  < \epsilon$ .
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### Two Types of Error

① True Error (aka. expected risk) (aka. Generalization Error)

$$R(h) = \mathbb{P}_{x \sim p^*(x)} (c^*(x) \neq h(x)) \quad \leftarrow \text{always unknown.}$$

② Train Error (aka. empirical risk)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}(h) &= \mathbb{P}_{x \sim S} (c^*(x) \neq h(x)) \quad \leftarrow S = \{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}\} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(c^*(x^{(i)}) \neq h(x^{(i)})) \quad \leftarrow \text{known, computable} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} \neq h(x^{(i)})) \end{aligned}$$

### PAC Learning

Q: Can we bound  $R(h)$  in terms of  $\hat{R}(h)$ ?  
A: Yes!

PAC stands for Probably Approximately Correct

PAC learner yields hypothesis  $h$ , which is approximately correct  $R(h) \approx 0$   
with high probability  $\Pr(R(h) \approx 0) \approx 1$

Def: PAC Criterion

$$\Pr(\forall h, |R(h) - \hat{R}(h)| \leq \epsilon) \geq 1 - \delta$$

1. How many examples do we need to learn?
2. How do we quantify our ability to generalize to unseen data?
3. Which algorithms are better suited to specific learning settings?



# What is Machine Learning?

The goal of this course is to provide you with a toolbox:

Machine Learning

Statistics

Probability

Computer Science

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To solve all the problems above and more



# Societal Impacts of ML

*What ethical responsibilities do we have as machine learning experts?*

**Question:** What are the possible societal impacts of machine learning for each case below?

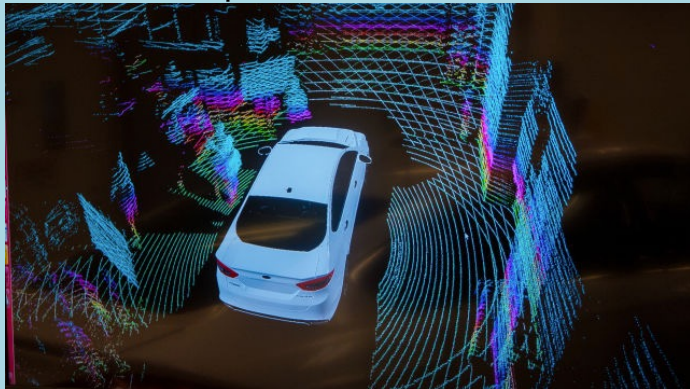
## Answer:

1) Search results for news are optimized for ad revenue.



<http://bing.com/>

<http://arstechnica.com/>



2) An autonomous vehicle is permitted to drive unassisted on the road.

3) A doctor is prompted by an intelligent system with a plausible diagnosis for her patient.



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# Societal Impacts of ML

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## A 72-year-old congressman goes back to school, pursuing a degree in AI



By Meagan Flynn

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Rep. Don Beyer (D-Va.) is pursuing a master's degree in machine learning at George Mason University with hopes of one day applying his AI knowledge to his legislative work. (Craig Hudson for The Washington Post)

Normally Don Beyer doesn't bring his multivariable calculus textbook to work, but his final exam was coming up that weekend.

"And I'm running out of time," he said, plopping the textbook and a scribbled notebook filled with esoteric-looking calculations on a coffee table in his office, "because I have all these—"

His phone was ringing. "I'll be there," Beyer told a colleague wondering when he would be returning to the House floor for votes.

It seemed study time would have to wait.

That's been the story of the year for Beyer (D-Va.), who has been moonlighting as a student at George Mason University in pursuit of a master's degree in machine learning while balancing his duties as a congressman. Beyer — a science wonk, economist and former car salesman — has been taking one class per semester in a slow but steady march toward the degree, with hopes of one day applying his artificial-intelligence knowledge to his legislative work as the technology evolves further.



# ML Big Picture

## Learning Paradigms:

*What data is available and when? What form of prediction?*

- supervised learning
- unsupervised learning
- semi-supervised learning
- reinforcement learning
- active learning
- imitation learning
- domain adaptation
- online learning
- density estimation
- recommender systems
- feature learning
- manifold learning
- dimensionality reduction
- ensemble learning
- distant supervision
- hyperparameter optimization

## Theoretical Foundations:

*What principles guide learning?*

- probabilistic
- information theoretic
- evolutionary search
- ML as optimization

## Problem Formulation:

*What is the structure of our output prediction?*

boolean	Binary Classification
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both discrete & cont.	(e.g. mixed graphical models)

## Facets of Building ML Systems:

*How to build systems that are robust, efficient, adaptive, effective?*

1. Data prep
2. Model selection
3. Training (optimization / search)
4. Hyperparameter tuning on validation data
5. (Blind) Assessment on test data

## Big Ideas in ML:

*Which are the ideas driving development of the field?*

- inductive bias
- generalization / overfitting
- bias-variance decomposition
- generative vs. discriminative
- deep nets, graphical models
- PAC learning
- distant rewards

## Application Areas

*Key challenges?*

NLP, Speech, Computer Vision, Robotics, Medicine, Search

# Topics

- Foundations
  - Probability
  - MLE, MAP
  - Optimization
- Classifiers
  - KNN
  - Naïve Bayes
  - Logistic Regression
  - Perceptron
  - SVM
- Regression
  - Linear Regression
- Important Concepts
  - Kernels
  - Regularization and Overfitting
  - Experimental Design
- Unsupervised Learning
  - K-means / Lloyd's method
  - PCA
  - EM / GMMs
- Neural Networks
  - Feedforward Neural Nets
  - Basic architectures
  - Backpropagation
  - CNNs, LSTMs
- Graphical Models
  - Bayesian Networks
  - HMMs
  - Learning and Inference
- Learning Theory
  - Statistical Estimation (covered right before midterm)
  - PAC Learning
- Other Learning Paradigms
  - Matrix Factorization
  - Reinforcement Learning
  - Information Theory

# **DEFINING LEARNING PROBLEMS**

# Well-Posed Learning Problems

## Three components $\langle T, P, E \rangle$ :

1. Task,  $T$
2. Performance measure,  $P$
3. Experience,  $E$

## Definition of learning:

A computer program **learns** if its performance at task  $T$ , as measured by  $P$ , improves with experience  $E$ .

# Example Learning Problems

Learning to beat the masters at **chess**

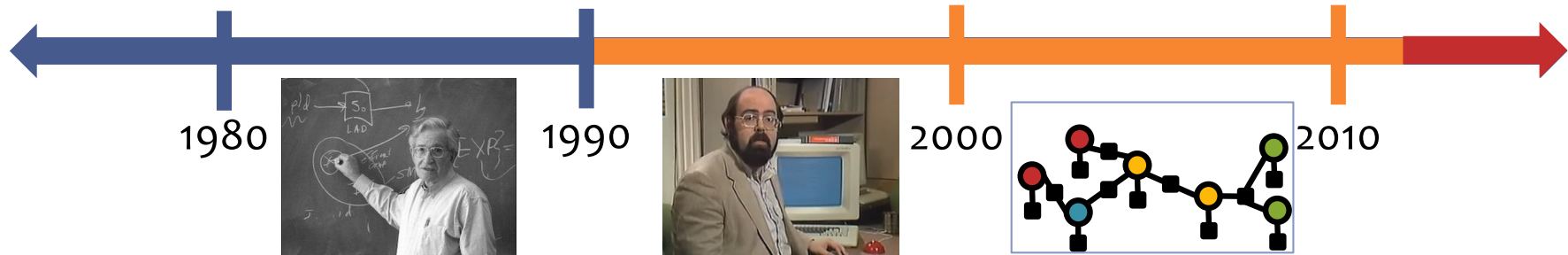
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## Solution #1: Expert Systems

- Over 20 years ago, we had rule-based systems:
  - Put a bunch of linguists in a room
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Give me directions to Starbucks

If: "give me directions to X"  
Then: `directions(here, nearest(X))`

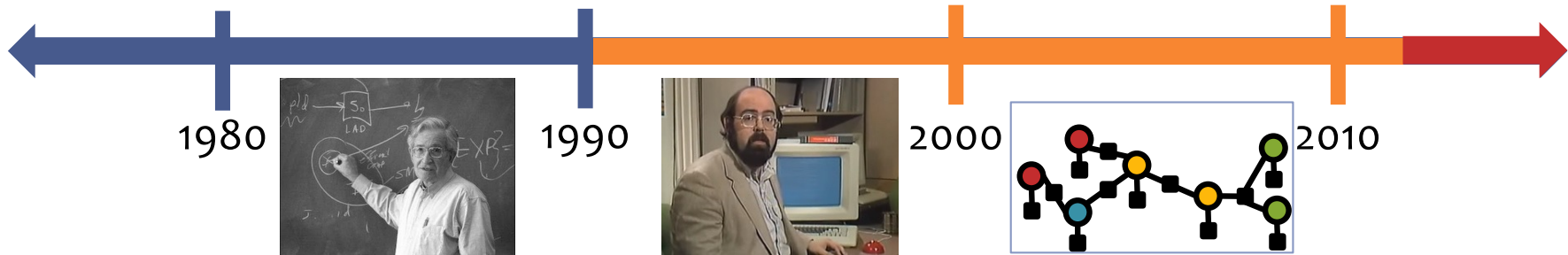
How do I get to Starbucks?

If: "how do i get to X"  
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Where is the nearest Starbucks?

If: "where is the nearest X"  
Then: `directions(here, nearest(X))`

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Starbucks directions

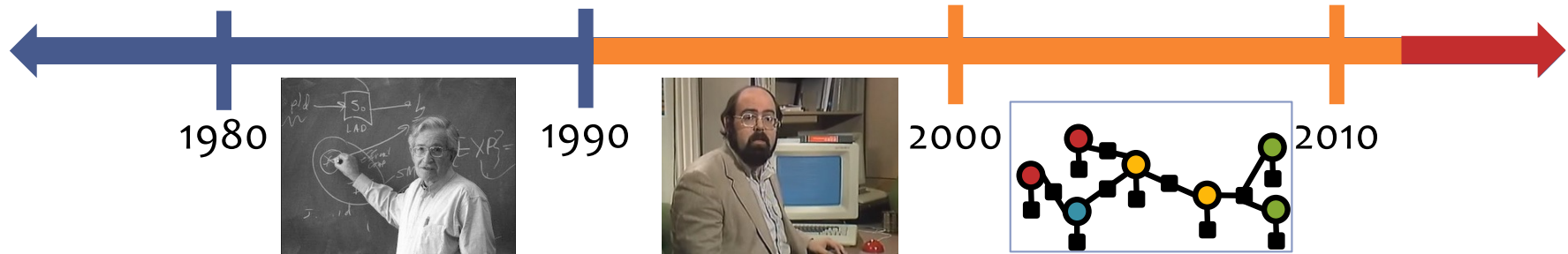
If: "X directions"  
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Is there a Starbucks nearby?

If: "Is there an X nearby"  
Then: directions(here, nearest(X))



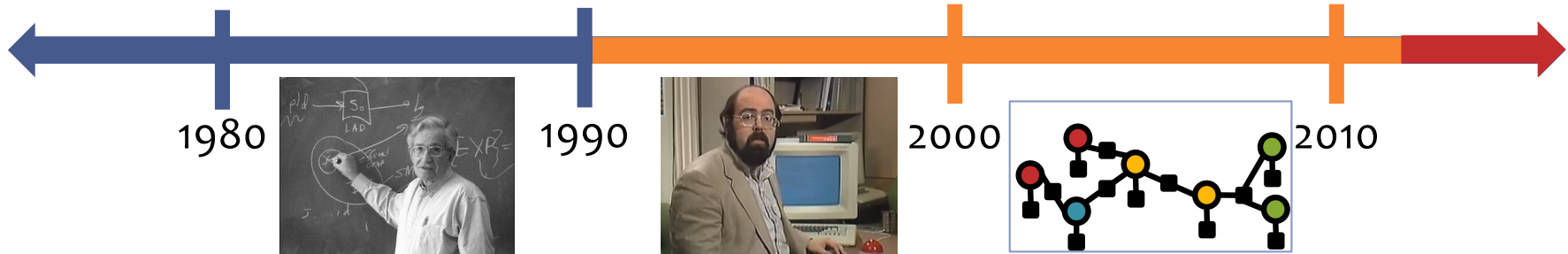
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## Solution #2: Annotate Data and Learn

- Experts:
  - **Very good** at answering questions about specific cases
  - **Not very good** at telling **HOW** they do it
- 1990s: So why not just have them tell you what they do on **SPECIFIC CASES** and then let **MACHINE LEARNING** tell you how to come to the same decisions that they did

# Capturing the Knowledge of Experts



## Solution #2: Annotate Data and Learn

1. Collect raw sentences  $\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)}\}$
2. Experts annotate their meaning  $\{y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(n)}\}$

$x^{(1)}$ : How do I get to Starbucks?

$y^{(1)}$ : `directions(here, nearest(Starbucks))`

$x^{(2)}$ : Show me the closest Starbucks

$y^{(2)}$ : `map(nearest(Starbucks))`

$x^{(3)}$ : Send a text to John that I'll be late

$y^{(3)}$ : `txtmsg(John, I'll be late)`

$x^{(4)}$ : Set an alarm for seven in the morning

$y^{(4)}$ : `setalarm(7:00AM)`

# Example Learning Problems

## Learning to **respond to voice commands (Siri)**

1. Task,  $T$ :  
**predicting action from speech**
2. Performance measure,  $P$ :  
**percent of correct actions taken in user pilot study**
3. Experience,  $E$ :  
**examples of (speech, action) pairs**

# Problem Formulation

- Often, the same task can be formulated in more than one way:
- Ex: Loan applications
  - creditworthiness/score (regression)
  - probability of default (density estimation)
  - loan decision (classification)

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# Well-posed Learning Problems

## In-Class Exercise

1. Select a **task**,  $T$
2. Identify **performance measure**,  $P$
3. Identify **experience**,  $E$
4. Report ideas back to rest of class


## Example Tasks

- Identify objects in an image
- Translate from one human language to another
- Recognize speech
- Assess risk (e.g. in loan application)
- Make decisions (e.g. in loan application)
- Assess potential (e.g. in admission decisions)
- Categorize a complex situation (e.g. medical diagnosis)
- Predict outcome (e.g. medical prognosis, stock prices, inflation, temperature)
- Predict events (default on loans, quitting school, war)
- Plan ahead under perfect knowledge (chess)
- Plan ahead under partial knowledge (poker, bridge)

(without any math!)

# **SUPERVISED LEARNING**

# Building a Trash Classifier

- Suppose the  ask CMU to build a robot for collecting trash along Pittsburgh's rivers
- You are tasked with building a classifier that detects whether an object is a piece of trash (+) or not a piece of trash (-)
- The robot can detect an object's *color*, *sound*, and *weight*
- You manually annotate the following dataset based on objects you find



trash?	color	sound	weight
+	green	crinkly	high
-	brown	crinkly	low
-	grey	none	high
+	clear	none	low
-	green	none	low



# WARNING!

Like many fields, Machine Learning is riddled with copious amounts of technical jargon!

For many terms we'll define in this class, you'll find four or five different terms in the literature that refer to the same thing.



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predictions

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error rate = 1/3

## (Labeled) Test Dataset:

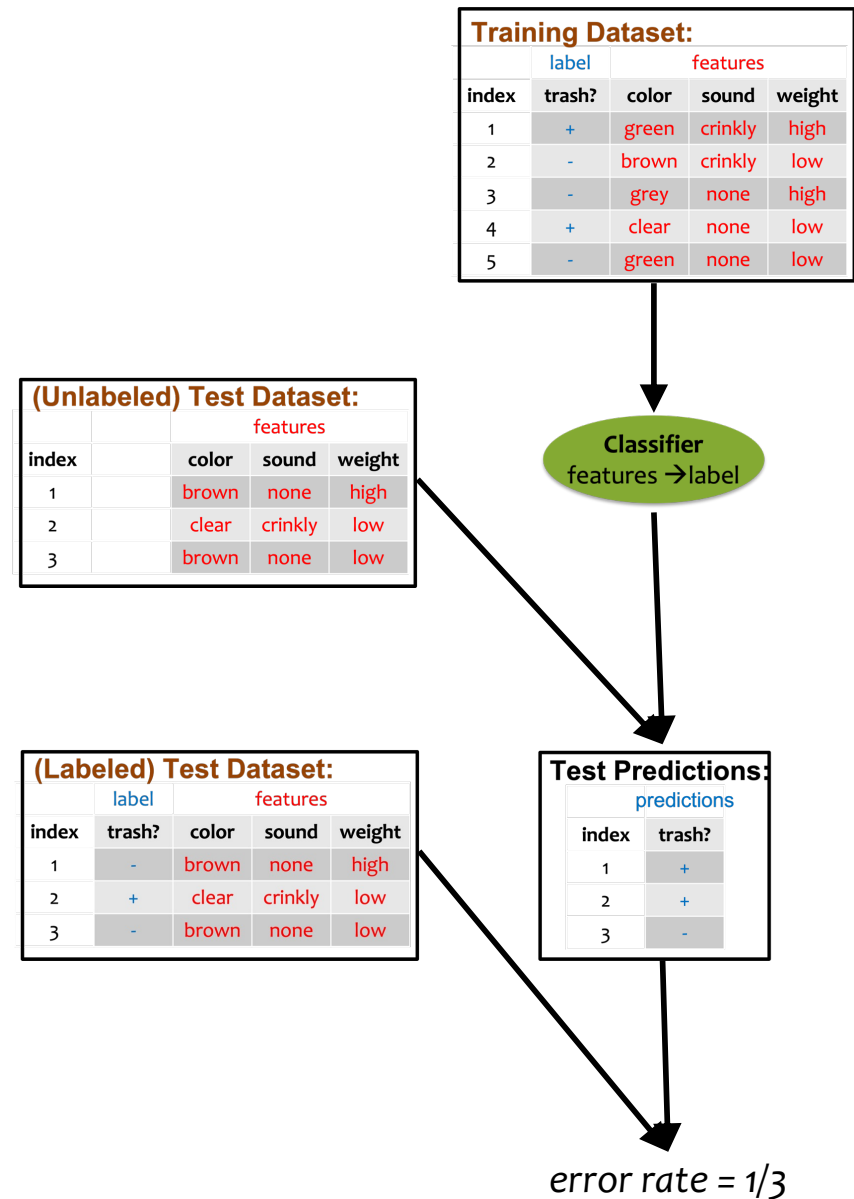
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  - *Goal*: learn a **classifier** from the training dataset
- Step 2: prediction
  - *Given*: unlabeled **test dataset**  
: learned classifier
  - *Goal*: **predict** a label for each instance
- Step 3: evaluation
  - *Given*: **predictions** from Step II  
: labeled **test dataset**
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Classifier  
features → label

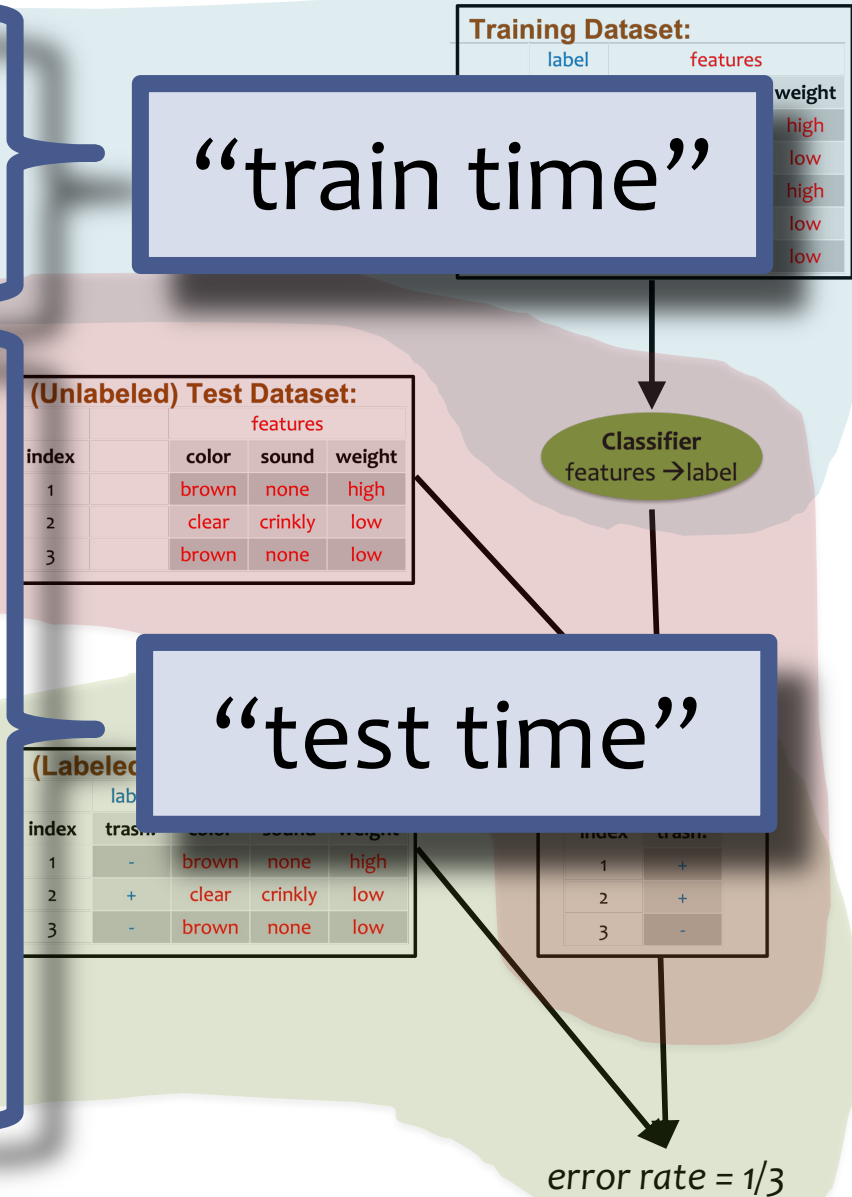
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Test Predictions:	
	predictions
index	trash?
1	+
2	+
3	-

error rate = 1/3

# Supervised Binary Classification

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**Key question in  
Machine Learning:**

*How do we learn the  
classifier from data?*

# Random Classifier

The **random classifier** takes in the features and always predicts a random label.

... this is a terrible idea. It completely **ignores the training data!**

Classifier  
features → random!

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4	+	clear	none	low
5	-	green	none	low

## Test Predictions:

index	predictions
	trash?
1	-
2	-
3	+

error rate = 2/3

## Test Dataset:

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index	predictions
	trash?
1	+
2	-
3	+

error rate = 3/3

## Test Dataset:

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Classifier  
features → always predict “-”

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## Test Predictions:

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error rate = 1/3

## Test Dataset:

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**Classifier**  
features → always predict “-”

The majority vote classifier even ignores the features if it's making predictions on the training dataset!

## Train Predictions:

predictions

index	trash?
1	-
2	-
3	-
4	-
5	-

*error rate = 2/5*

## Training Dataset:

label

features

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error rate = 1/3

# **SYLLABUS HIGHLIGHTS**



# Syllabus Highlights

The syllabus is located on the course webpage:

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~mgormley/courses/10601>

or

<http://mlcourse.org>

The **course policies** are **required** reading.

# Syllabus Highlights

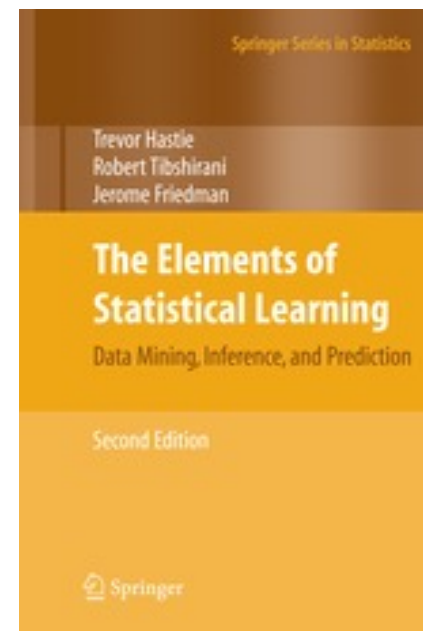
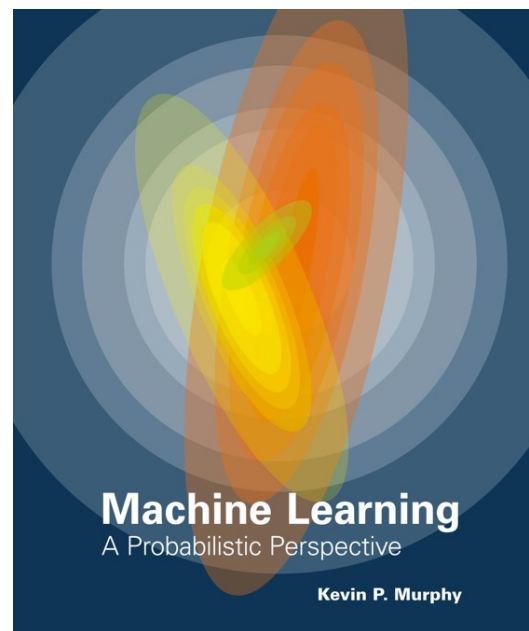
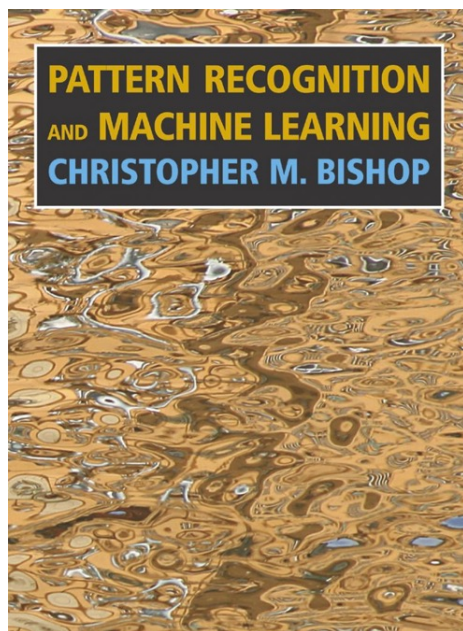
- **Grading:** 50% homework, 15% exam 1, 15% exam 2, 15% exam 3, 5% participation
- **Exam 1:** evening, Thu, Feb. 16
- **Exam 2:** evening, Thu, Mar. 30
- **Exam 3:** final exam week, date TBD by registrar
- **Homework:** 3 written and 6 written + programming (Python)
  - 6 grace days for homework assignments
  - Late submissions: 75% day 1, 50% day 2, 25% day 3
  - No submissions accepted after 3 days w/o extension; HW3, HW6, HW9 only 2 days
  - Extension requests: for emergencies, see syllabus
- **Recitations:** Fridays, same time/place as lecture (optional, interactive sessions)
- **Readings:** required, online PDFs, recommended for after lecture
- **Technologies:** Piazza (discussion), Gradescope (homework), Google Forms (polls)
- **Academic Integrity:**
  - Collaboration encouraged, but must be documented
  - Solutions must always be written independently
  - No re-use of found code / past assignments
  - Severe penalties (e.g. -100%)
- **Office Hours:** posted on Google Calendar on “Office Hours” page

# Lectures

- You should ask lots of questions
  - Interrupting (by raising a hand) to ask your question is strongly encouraged
  - Asking questions later (or in real time) on Piazza is also great
- When I ask a question...
  - I want you to answer
  - Even if you don't answer, think it through as though I'm about to call on you
- Interaction improves learning (both in-class and at my office hours)

# Textbooks

You are not *required* to read a textbook, but it will help immensely!



# Where can I find...?



Date	Lecture	Readings	Announcements
Classification & Regression			
Mon, 1-Feb	Lecture 1 : Course Overview <a href="#">[Slides]</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">10601 Notation Crib Sheet</a>. Matt Gormley (2018).</li><li>• <a href="#">Command Line and File I/O Tutorial</a>. 10601 Course Staff (2020).</li><li>• <a href="#">10601 Learning Objectives</a>. Matt Gormley (2018).</li><li>• <a href="#">Visual Information Theory</a>. Christopher Olah (2015). blog.</li></ul>	
Wed, 3-Feb	Lecture 2 : Decision Trees, Overfitting <a href="#">[Slides]</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Decision Trees</a>. Hal Daumé III (2017). CIML, Chapter 1.</li></ul>	HW1 out
Fri, 5-Feb	Recitation: HW1 <a href="#">[Handout]</a> <a href="#">[Solutions]</a>		
Mon, 8-Feb	Lecture 3 : Generalizing from examples - the Big Picture <a href="#">[Slides]</a> <a href="#">[Poll]</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Limits of Learning</a>. Hal Daumé III (2017). CIML, Chapter 2.</li></ul>	
Wed, 10-Feb	Lecture 4 : k-Nearest Neighbors <a href="#">[Slides]</a> <a href="#">[Whiteboard]</a> <a href="#">[Poll]</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Geometry and Nearest Neighbors</a>. Hal Daumé III (2017). CIML, Chapter 3.</li></ul>	HW1 due HW2 out
Fri, 12-Feb	Recitation: HW2 <a href="#">[Handout]</a> <a href="#">[Solutions]</a>		
Mon, 15-Feb	Lecture 5 : Model Selection <a href="#">[Slides]</a> <a href="#">[Whiteboard]</a> <a href="#">[Poll]</a>		
Wed, 17-Feb	Lecture 6 : Perceptron <a href="#">[Slides]</a> <a href="#">[Whiteboard]</a> <a href="#">[Poll]</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">The Perceptron</a>. Hal Daumé III (2017). CIML, Chapter 4.</li></ul>	HW1 solution session (Thursday)

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**10-301/601 Office Hours**

Today ◀ ▶ **Aug 29 – Sep 4, 2021** ▾ Print **Week** Month Agenda

	Sun 8/29	Mon 8/30	Tue 8/31	Wed 9/1	Thu 9/2	Fri 9/3	Sat 9/4
9am							
10am		<b>10:10 – 11:30</b> 10-301/601 Section A/C Mellon Institute		<b>10:10 – 11:30</b> 10-301/601 Section A/C Mellon Institute		<b>10:10 – 11:30</b> 10-301/601 Section A/C Mellon Institute	
11am		<b>11:30 - Matt and H</b>		<b>11:30 - Matt and H</b>			
12pm							
1pm							
2pm		<b>1:25p – 2:45p</b> 10-301/601 Section B/D CUC McConomy		<b>1:25p – 2:45p</b> 10-301/601 Section B/D CUC McConomy		<b>1:25p – 2:45p</b> 10-301/601 Section B/D CUC McConomy	
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### Assignments

There will be 8 homework assignments during the semester in addition to the exams. The assignments will consist of both theoretical and programming assignments. All assignments will be released via a Piazza announcement explaining where to find the handout, starter code, LaTeX template, etc.

- Homework 1: Background Material (written / programming)  
[Handout](#)
- Homework 2: Decision Trees (written / programming)  
[Handout](#)
- Homework 3: KNN, Perceptron, and Linear Regression (written)  
[Handout](#)
- Mock Exam 1:  
[Handout and Solution](#)
- Homework 4: Logistic Regression (written / programming)  
[Handout](#)
- Homework 5: Neural Networks (written / programming)  
[Handout](#)
- Homework 6: Neural Networks and Reinforcement Learning (written / programming)  
[Handout](#)
- Homework 7: Graphical Models (written / programming)

# In-Class Polls

**Q:** How do these In-Class Polls work?

**A:** Don't worry about it for today. We won't use them until the second week of class, i.e. the third lecture.

Details are on the syllabus.



# PREREQUISITES

# Prerequisites

## What they are:

- Significant programming experience (15-122)
  - Written programs of 100s of lines of code
  - Comfortable learning a new language
- Probability and statistics (36-217, 36-225, etc.)
- Mathematical maturity: discrete mathematics (21-127, 15-151), linear algebra, and calculus

# Prerequisites

## What if you need additional review?

- Consider first taking 10-606/607: Mathematical/Computational Foundations for Machine Learning
- More details here:  
<https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~pvirtue/10606/>

## How to describe 606/607 to a friend

606/607 is...

a **formal** presentation of **mathematics** and **computer science**...

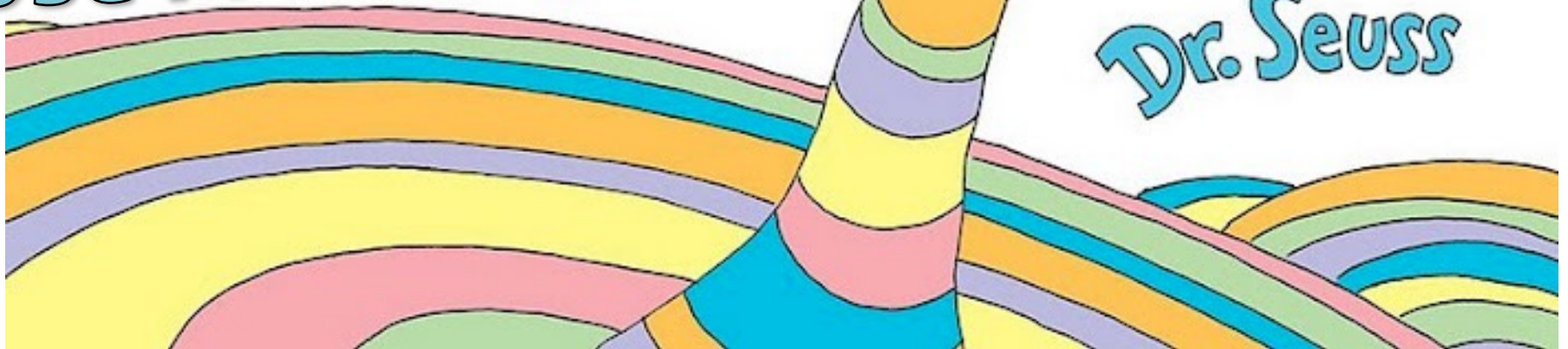
motivated by (carefully chosen) **real-world problems** that arise in **machine learning**...

where the **broader picture** of how those problems arise is treated **somewhat informally**.

Oh, the Places  
You'll  
Use Probability!



By  
Dr. Seuss



# Oh, the Places You'll Use Probability!

## Supervised Classification

- Naïve Bayes

$$p(y|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} p(y) \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|y)$$

- Logistic regression

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = y|X = x; \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= p(y|x; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_y \cdot \mathbf{f}(x))}{\sum_{y'} \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{y'} \cdot \mathbf{f}(x))} \end{aligned}$$

Note: This is just motivation – we'll cover these topics later!

# Oh, the Places You'll Use Probability!

## ML Theory

### (Example: Sample Complexity)

- Goal:  $h$  has small error over  $D$ .

$$\text{True error: } err_D(h) = \Pr_{x \sim D} (h(x) \neq c^*(x))$$

How often  $h(x) \neq c^*(x)$  over future instances drawn at random from  $D$

- But, can only measure:

$$\text{Training error: } err_S(h) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_i I(h(x_i) \neq c^*(x_i))$$

How often  $h(x) \neq c^*(x)$  over training instances

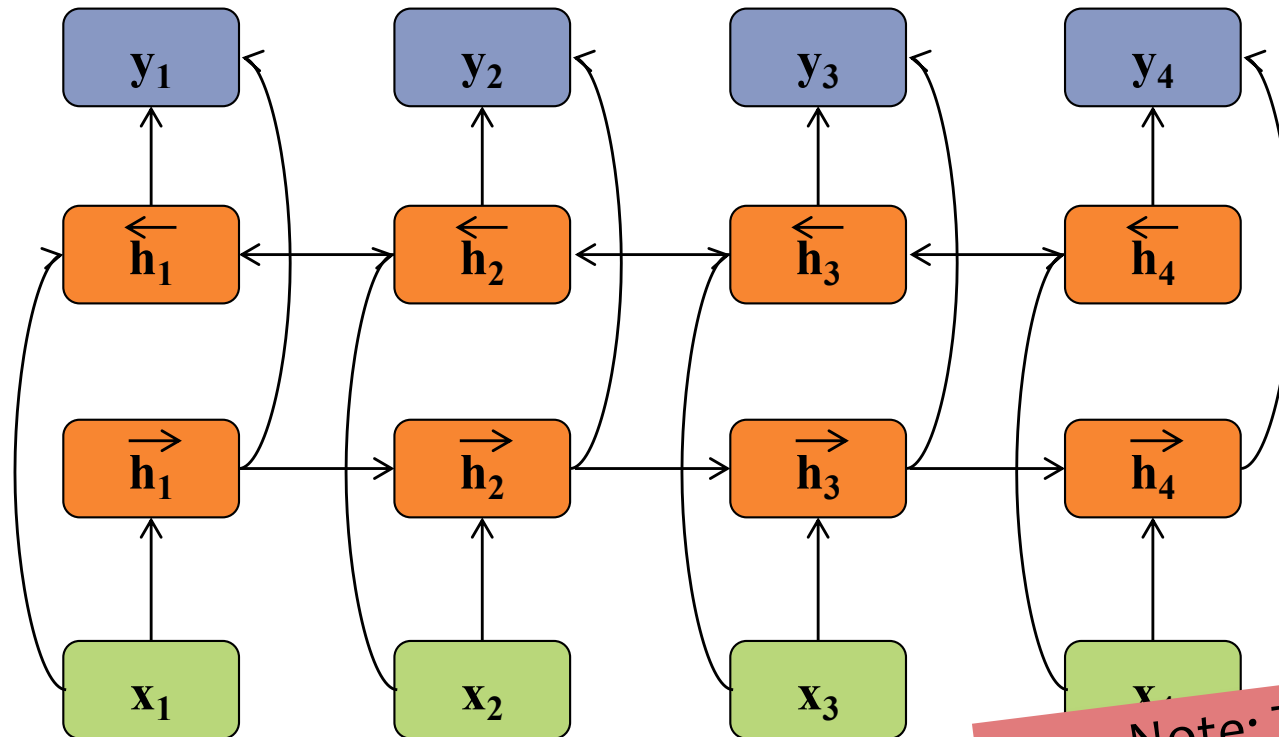
**Sample complexity: bound  $err_D(h)$  in terms of  $err_S(h)$**

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## Deep Learning

(Example: Deep Bi-directional RNN)

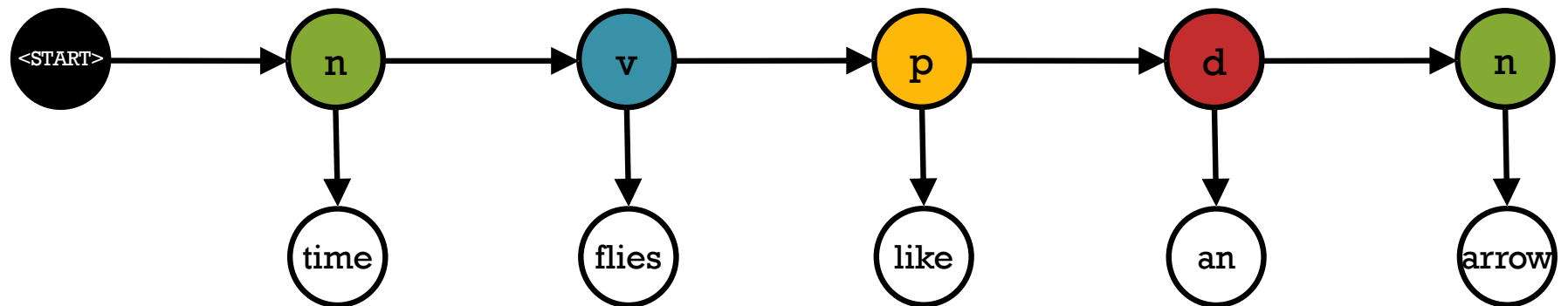


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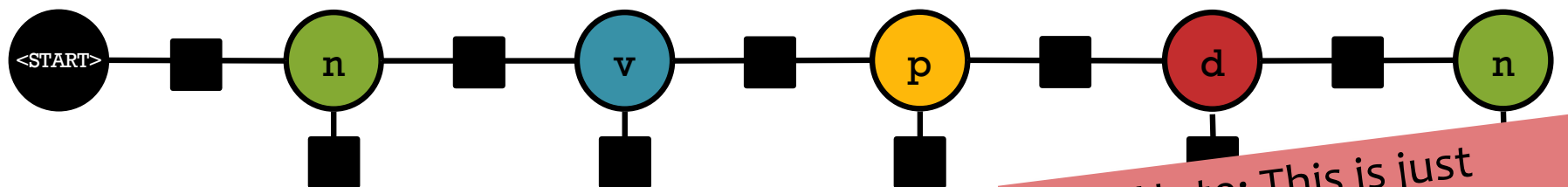
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## Graphical Models

- Hidden Markov Model (HMM)



- Conditional Random Field (CRF)



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# Prerequisites

## **What if I'm not sure whether I meet them?**

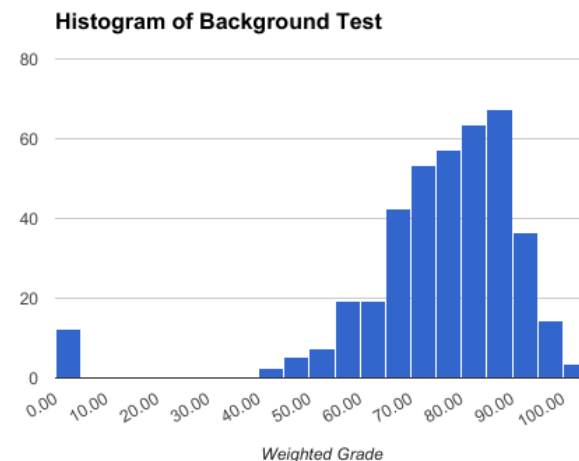
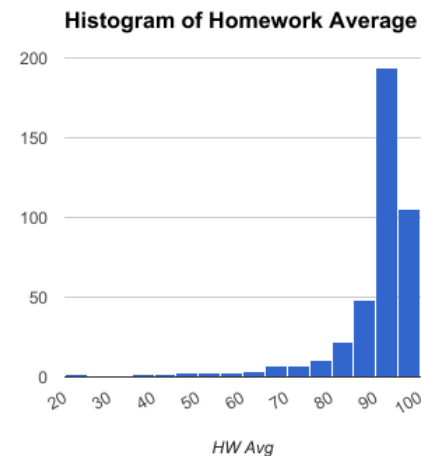
- Don't worry: we're not sure either
- However, we've designed a way to assess your background knowledge so that you know what to study!

# Syllabus Highlights

## Background Test

- **When:** Fri, Jan 20, in-class
- **Where:** this lecture hall
- **What:** prerequisite material (probability, statistics, linear algebra, calculus, geometry, computer science, programming)
- **Why:**
  - an assessment tool to show you what prereq topics to brush up on
  - to save you some time on HW1 if you already know it all
- **How:**
  - $\alpha$  = % of points on Background Test
  - $\beta$  = % of points on Background Exercises
  - Grade:  $\gamma = \alpha + (1-\alpha)\beta$

Your grade on HW1 will give you very little information about which topics to study. Hopefully, the Background Test does.



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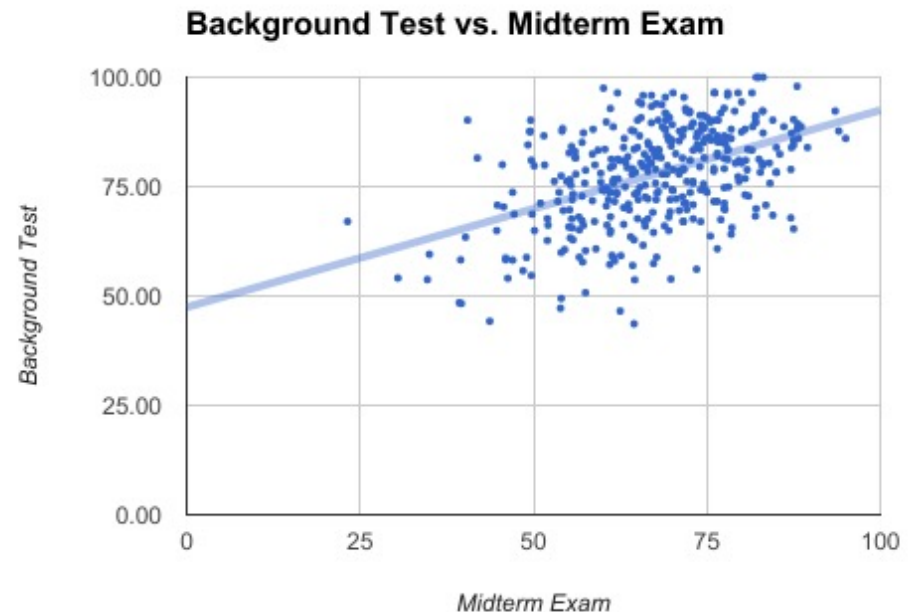
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## Correlation between Homework Average and Midterm Exam:

- Pearson: 0.32 (weak - moderate)
- Spearman: 0.25 (weak)

## Correlation between Background Test and Midterm Exam:

- Pearson: 0.46 (moderate)
- Spearman: 0.43 (moderate)



# Reminders

- **Background Test**
  - Fri, Jan 20, in-class
- **Homework 1: Background**
  - Out: Fri, Jan 20
  - Due: Wed, Jan 25 at 11:59pm
  - Two parts:
    1. written part to Gradescope
    2. programming part to Gradescope

# Learning Objectives

*You should be able to...*

1. Formulate a well-posed learning problem for a real-world task by identifying the task, performance measure, and training experience
2. Describe common learning paradigms in terms of the type of data available, when it's available, the form of prediction, and the structure of the output prediction
3. Implement Decision Tree training and prediction (w/simple scoring function)
4. Explain the difference between memorization and generalization [CIML]
5. Identify examples of the ethical responsibilities of an ML expert

# Q&A

(my office hours are right now,  
just outside the lecture hall)